



## Charter Amendment No. 9

This is the last of nine proposed [College Station City Charter](#) amendments on the Nov. 6 ballot.

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## What you will see on the ballot:

### PROPOSITION NO. 9

FOR/AGAINST

Shall the College Station City Charter be amended to add a provision to Article XII (General Provisions) of the charter providing that the charter is to be gender neutral and amended throughout to make the charter language gender neutral; to correct non-substantive errors such as misspellings, punctuation, grammar and sentence structure; to make non-substantive changes to clarify the meaning of various charter provisions; to conform to requirements and/or provisions of current state law and/or federal law; and to remove charter language that is obsolete?

## What does it mean?

If you vote **AGAINST** this proposition, you are voting to keep this section of the charter as it is; if you vote **FOR** this proposition, you are voting to add this provision to the city charter:

### ARTICLE XII GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Gender Neutrality

**The wording of this Charter should be regarded as and is intended to be gender neutral.**

This provision would affect these sections of the charter:

Article II (Corporate and General Forms): Section 7. Extension of City Limits by the City Council  
Article II (Corporate and General Forms): Section 8. Eminent Domain  
Article III (The City Council): Section 17. Number, Selection, Term  
Article III (The City Council): Section 18. Qualifications  
Article III (The City Council): Section 20. Presiding Officer; Mayor

Article III (The City Council): Section 21. Vacancies  
Article III (The City Council): Section 23. Appointment and Removal of City Manager  
Article III (The City Council): Section 24. Council Not to Interfere In Appointments or Removals  
Article III (The City Council): Section 26. Administrative Departments  
Article III (The City Council): Section 27. City Secretary  
Article III (The City Council): Section 29. City Attorney  
Article III (The City Council): Section 30. City Internal Auditor  
Article III (The City Council): Section 35. Procedure for Passage of Ordinances  
Article III (The City Council): Section 38. Housing Authority  
Article IV (The City Manager): Section 40. Qualifications  
Article IV (The City Manager): Section 41. Powers and Duties  
Article IV (The City Manager): Section 42. Absence if City Manager  
Article IV (The City Manager): Section 43. Director of Departments  
Article V (The Budget): Section 55. Effective Date of Budget; Certification; Copies Made Available  
Article V (The Budget): Section 58. Contingent Appropriation  
Article V (The Budget): Section 59. Estimated Expenditures Shall Not Exceed Estimated Resources  
Article IX (Nominations and Elections): Section 77. Municipal Elections  
Article IX (Nominations and Elections): Section 79. How to Get Name on Ballot  
Article IX (Nominations and Elections): Section 80. Official Ballots  
Article IX (Nominations and Elections): Section 81. Laws Governing City Elections  
Article IX (Nominations and Elections): Section 82. Canvassing Election  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 83. Power of Initiative  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 84. Power of Referendum  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 85. Form of Petitions; Committee of Petitioners  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 86. Filing; Examination and Certification of Petitions  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 87. Amendment of Petitions  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 90. Submission to Electors  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 91. Form of Ballot for Initiated and Referred Ordinances  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 95. Recall Procedure  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 97. Recall Election  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 98. Ballots in Recall Election  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 99. Results of Recall Election  
Article X (Initiative, Referendum and Recall): Section 100. Limitations on Recalls  
Article XI (Franchises and Public Utilities): Section 104. Procedure  
Article XII (General Provisions): Section 117. Relatives of Officers Shall Not be Appointed or Employed  
Article XII (General Provisions): Section 119. Notice of Injury or Damage

## Why is this charter amendment on the ballot?

After reviewing the city charter for more than a year, the 10-member Citizens Charter Review Advisory Commission in May recommended that eight charter amendments be placed on the ballot in a November special election. The commission's stated mission was to "review the city charter and make charter amendment recommendations, where appropriate, that will help protect the rights, powers and benefits of all College Station residents." Most of the recommendations were made to bring the charter in line with state law. The city council later added this amendment about conflict of interest for council members.

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